About this bulletin
To minimise the number of emails sent to practices, NHS England and NHS Improvement – South West is using this weekly bulletin as its main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 350 practices in Bristol, Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The bulletins contain important information for practice managers, which might include requests for information and deadlines affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts. We recognise that CCGs with delegated authority may also issue information to practices regarding their areas of specific responsibility, however, the bulletin remains relevant to the practices in those areas in terms of the public health areas for which NHS England and Improvement remain responsible.

Copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on our website: https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/medical/dcis/gp-bulletin/

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Primary Care Team: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

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• **Items for all Practices**

**Second Flu Letter**

The below and attached is essential national guidance regarding the seasonal flu programme.

Dear Colleagues,


In summary, further information has been given on the additional cohorts to include:

- household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List
- children of school Year 7 age in secondary schools (those aged 11 on 31 August 2020) - being delivered by the School Aged Immunisation Providers
- health and social care workers employed through Direct Payment (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants, to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users

Further extension to the programme is planned in November and December to include 50-64 year old age group subject to vaccine supply. This extension is being phased to allow you to prioritise children and those in at risk groups first. Providers will be given notice in order to have services in place for any additional cohorts later in the season.

Hospital Trusts will be asked to offer vaccinations to pregnant women attending maternity appointments and to those clinically at risk eligible patients attending in- and out-patient appointments. Further information is expected on this.

**The uptake ambitions across all eligible groups for 2020/21 is 75%. For frontline health and social workers, the expectation is 100% offer.**

Some points in the letter need further clarification and we are waiting for national guidance on these.

Providers will be expected to deliver the programme according to guidelines on social distancing that are current at the time. Standard operating procedures in the context of COVID-19 have been issued for General Practice, community pharmacy, and community health services: www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-general-practice-sop/


To note, all guidance is subject to change.

In the meantime, please continue to plan your flu clinics and prepare in accordance with the above guidance. Attached is a presentation with ideas for planning clinics during COVID-19. Two short films showing examples of delivering flu vaccinations in a GP and pharmacy setting have been developed, see links below.

Link to Avon LPC for pharmacy video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_KedBnNb-0

Link to GP video: https://youtu.be/oqZaqz8oop4

Resources to support the 2020/21 flu imms programme can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme#2020-to-2021-flu-season

All further information and guidance will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available.

Kind regards
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